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**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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**NOTIFICATION**

*New Delhi, the 31st December 1959*

**G.S.R. 1428.**—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (13 of 1885), the Central Government hereby makes, with effect from the 1st January 1960, the following further amendments in the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951, namely:—

In the said Rules,—

1. in Rule 177,

(1) under the heading “(c) Signs of punctuations, etc.”, the following entries shall be added, namely:—

“Minute (’),

Second (”),

Per thousand (0/00),

Cross sign (+) (as a sign of addition for use in groups, but not as an isolated sign.)”;

(2) for heading "(d) Special Instructions and Conventional Signs" and the entries thereunder, the following heading and entries shall be substituted, namely:—

"(d) Special Instructions and Conventional signs.

Abbreviated form	English meaning
Etat Priorite Nations	Telegrams to and from the United Nations (Rule 355).
Etat Priorite	Government Telegram with priority (Rule 353).
Etat	Government Telegram without priority (Rule 354).
Urgent	Urgent Telegram (Rule 268).
RCT	Telegrams concerning persons protected in time of war (Rule 315).
RPX	Reply paid x Rupees (Rule 269).
TC	Collation or repetition (Rule 276).
PC.	Telegram with Telegraphic notification of delivery (Rule 279).
Expres or Express	Express (Rule 303) (by special messenger).
XP	Express Paid (Rule 302) (by special messenger).
Jour	To be delivered during the day only (Rule 252).
Nuit	To be delivered at night (Rule 252).
Poste	Poste (Rules 253 and 305).
PR.	Post Registered (Rule 305).
PAV	Air Mail (Rule 305).
MP	Telegrams for personal delivery (Rule 257).
TR	To be kept at Telegraph Office till called for (Rules 250 and 263).
GP	To be kept at Post Office till called for (Rules 250 and 264).
GPR	To be registered and kept at Post Office till called for (Rule 255).
TMX	x Addresses (Rule 292).
CTA	Communicate all addresses (Rule 296).
JX	x Days (Rule 321).
Press or Presse	Press [Rule 326(5)].
LX	Telegram to be delivered on a de luxe form (Rule 310).
PAVR	Registered Air Mail (Rule 305).
Remettre x	Telegram for which delivery on a specified date has been requested (Rules 322 and 323).
TFX	Telegram of which delivery by telephone has been requested (Rule 192).
RM	Retransmission of a radiotelegram by one or two mobile stations like ship or aircraft.
OBS	Meteorological Telegram (Rule 334).
LT or L'IF	Letter Telegram (Rules 336 and 338).
Re expedie de x or redirected form	Telegram redirected to any other address (Rule 288).",

(3) in clause (e), the words "1' (minute), 1" (second)" shall be omitted, wherever they appear.

2. in Rule 181, after the clause (g) and before the proviso to the rule, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(h) abbreviated denominations of International or National organisation, including business undertakings, in the form of initial letters combined as one group, groups denoting house numbers, registration

numbers or letters of motor vehicles, designations of ships, aircraft or railway trains as well as flight and train numbers, and groups clearly representing money, ordinal numbers, indication of time of day.”;

3 in Rule 183, for clause (4), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) By ‘secret language telegrams’ are meant those containing in their text or signature one or more words in secret language”,

4 in Rule 208, to clause (1), the following shall be added, namely:—

“All such indication in Government Telegrams will be treated as paid service instructions.”,

5 in Rule 213, the following sentence shall be inserted at the end, namely:—

“Expressions of fractions or decimal numbers in words will be allowed for transmission and will be counted at the rate of 15 characters to the word.”;

6 in Rule 214, the following sentence shall be inserted at the end, namely:—

“If the sender expressly requests the transmission of the sign in question, each of the words and the sign will be counted as separate words.”;

7 in Rule 224, before the Note, the following sentence shall be inserted, namely —

“The minimum number of chargeable words for ordinary private telegrams shall be seven.”;

8 for Rule 235, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

‘235 *Order of Transmission*—(1) Foreign Telegrams shall be transmitted in the following order, namely.—

(a) SVH telegrams (Rule 267)

(b) Government telegrams priority Nations (Rule 355).

(c) Service advices relating to serious interruption of channels of telecommunication (Rules 245—247).

(d) Government telegrams for which the sender has requested priority of transmission (Rule 353)

(e) Meteorological telegrams (Rules 334-335).

(f) Urgent service telegrams, urgent service advices and paid service advices (Rules 359-360)

(g) Urgent private telegrams (Rule 268), urgent RCT telegrams (Rule 318) and urgent press telegrams (Rule 325)

(h) Non-urgent service telegrams, non-urgent service advices and acknowledgments of receipt

(i) Government telegrams other than those indicated in (b) and (d) above (Rule 354), ordinary private telegrams, ordinary RCT telegrams (Rule 315) and ordinary press telegrams (Rule 325)

(j) Letter telegrams (LT and LTF) Rules (336—247)

(2) SVH telegrams, Government telegram, Service telegram or meteorological telegram, shall be re-forwarded as such

(3) Telegrams of the same rank shall be transmitted in the order of their time of handling in or in the order of their time of receipt. At intermediate offices, originating telegrams and transit telegrams to be transmitted over the same routes shall be placed together and transmitted according to the time of handling in or received subject to the order mentioned above ”,

9. in Rule 249, (a) for the second sentence beginning with the words "The sender shall" and ending with the words "at his option", the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"The sender shall pay the cost of a reply to the cancellation advice by telegraph.", and

(b) for the seventh sentence beginning with the words "If the sender" and ending with the words "prepaid letter", the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"Notifications shall be sent by telegraph.";

10. in Rule 265, for the words and figures "rules 264 and 321", the word and figures "rule 264" shall be substituted;

11. for Rule 267, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"267. Telegrams relating to the safety of life at Sea, on Land or in the Air and exceptionally urgent epidemiological telegrams of the World Health Organisation certified as really being telegrams of exceptional urgency relating to the safety of life shall bear the service instructions SVH written by the sender or the office of origin. Every office which receives such telegram as a Government telegram, as a service telegram or as a meteorological telegram, shall reforward it as such according to most priority at all stages. The charge for an SVH telegram shall be the same as that for an ordinary telegram of the same length and for the same destination.";

12. in Rule 268, for the word 'five' appearing in the last line the word 'seven' shall be substituted;

13. in Rule 274, in the last sentence for the word "three", the word "four" shall be substituted;

14. in Rule 275, after the word and figures "rule 375", the following sentence shall be inserted, namely:—

"The amount paid for the reply shall be refunded even without a claim on the part of the sender, provided it is possible to find and identify him.";

15. for Rule 279, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"279. Notification of delivery.—The sender of a foreign telegram may, by writing on the telegram form the special instruction=PC=[Rule 177 (d)], require that the date and time at which the telegram has been delivered to the addressee be notified to him by ordinary telegram as soon as possible after its delivery.";

16. in Rule 280, for the last sentence, the following sentence shall be substituted, namely:—

"In the case of a radio telegram, the land station shall issue the notification of delivery which must contain the date and time of transmission to the ship or aircraft station.";

17. in Rule 281, the words and marks "or"=PCP=" ' shall be omitted;

18. in Rule 283, for the word "six", the word "seven" shall be substituted;

19. for Rule 284, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"284. When a foreign telegram requiring notification of delivery cannot be delivered, a service advice reporting non-delivery shall be sent to the Telegraph Office of origin as laid down in rule 258.";

20. for Rule 285, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"285. If at a later time, within the period prescribed under rule 265 for retention of the telegram, the telegram is delivered to the addressee, the notification of delivery shall be forwarded immediately.";

21. for Rule 286, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"286. If at the expiration of the prescribed period, the telegram has not been delivered, the charge for the telegraphic notification of delivery shall be refunded to the sender of the telegram, on application made by him in accordance with the provisions of Rule 375.";

22. in Rule 296, the word and marks ‘“=SEN=”, shall be omitted;

23. in rule 299, after the word and marks ‘“=PAV”’, the following word and marks shall be inserted, namely:—

‘“=PAVR=”’;

24. in Rule 305, for the figures, words and marks ‘4th, those bearing the paid service indications “=PAV=” and “=PR=”; the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“4th, those bearing the paid service indication “=PAVR=””;

25. for Rule 308, the following Rule shall be substituted, namely:—

“308. Foreign telegrams which have to be forwarded to their destination by post from Telegraph Offices of destination in India shall be dealt with in the following manner, irrespective of whether they are delivered within or outside India, namely:—

(a) Those bearing the paid service indication=Poste=or=GP=or bearing no paid service indication relative to postal delivery shall be posted as ordinary letters, without charge to the sender or the addressee; telegrams bearing the paid indication =PAV=being handed over to the airmail service as ordinary letters.

(b) Those bearing the paid service instructions=PR=, =GPR=, or=PAVR=, shall be posted as registered letters, duly stamped if necessary, the last category being handed over to the airmail service.”;

26. for the heading “SEMAPHORE TELEGRAMS” and rules 315 to 321 thereunder, the following heading and rules shall be substituted, namely:—

#### “RCT TELEGRAMS

315. **RCT Telegrams.**—RCT Telegrams are a new class of telegram which may be exchanged between prisoners of war (or their representatives), civilian internees or their representatives, recognized relief societies and also includes telegrams sent by National Information Bureaus or Central Information Agency or their delegations concerning prisoners of war, internees or death of military or civil personnel in the course of hostilities.

316. **Special Instructions.**—Such telegrams can be sent as ordinary and urgent telegrams, prepaid reply and with notification of delivery.

317. **Rates.**—The terminal and transit rates for ordinary telegrams bearing the paid service indication=RCT=shall be those of ordinary private telegrams reduced by 75 per cent.

318. **Urgent RCT Telegrams.**—For urgent RCT telegrams the charge shall be the same as for ordinary telegrams over the same route.

319. **Minimum charge.**—The minimum number of chargeable words for RCT telegrams shall be the same as for private telegrams (ordinary or urgent, as the case may be)

320. Telegrams sent by prisoners of war, civilian internees or their representatives shall bear the official stamp of the camp or the signature of the Camp Commandant or one of his deputies.

321. Telegrams sent by National Information Bureaus and the Central Information Agency for which provision is made in the Geneva Convention or by recognised relief societies assisting war victims shall bear the official stamp of the Bureau, Agency, delegation or society which sends them.”;

27. for rules 322 and 323, the following heading and rules shall be substituted, namely:—

#### “REMETTRE x (date) TELEGRAMS

322. **Remettre x (date) Telegrams.**—A telegram bearing the paid service indication=Remettre x (date)=may, if received in time, be delivered

on the date mentioned, provided a telegram delivery service is available at the office of destination on the date concerned and subject to any limitation imposed by the working hours of that office.

323. Letter Telegrams with the paid service indication=Remettre x (date)= shall be subject to the rules for letter telegrams (Rules 336 to 344).";

28. in Rule 326, for clause (7), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

"(7) Minimum number of words—the minimum number of chargeable words for Press telegrams shall be 14.";

29. for Rule 355, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"355. Telegrams relating to the application of the provisions of Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the United Nations Charter, exchanged in an emergency, between the President of the Security Council, the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chairman of a regional Sub-Committee of the Military Staff Committee, a representative to the Security Council or to the General Assembly, a Member of the Military Staff Committee, the Chairman or the Principal Secretary of a Committee set up by the Security Council or the General Assembly, a person performing mission on behalf of the United Nations, a minister member of a Government, or the Administrative Head of a trust territory designated as a strategic area shall be entitled to a priority over all other telegrams (except SVH telegrams). The sender of these telegrams must write the paid service indication-Etat Priorite Nations-before the address. Such telegrams shall be accepted only if they bear the personal authorisation of one of the officials mentioned above.";

30. in Rule 362, the sentence beginning with "In other cases" and ending with "shall be collected" shall be omitted.

31. for Rule 363, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"363. In other cases in which a telegraph reply is desired, the instruction "—RPx—" shall be inserted in the telegram conveying the request and a charge for a reply of seven words shall be collected.";

32. for Rule 377, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"377. No claim for a refund shall be considered unless received by the appropriate officer within four months from the date of the telegram in respect of which the claim is made.".

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